

News Release

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Special Program “Return of Iowa’s Bald Eagle” November 17 and 18 at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA – *Return of Iowa’s Bald Eagle*, a special program by Ty Smedes, is scheduled for the DeSoto Visitor Center on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18 at 1:30 p.m. each day. The Return of Iowa’s Bald Eagles chronicles this conservation success story with facts, anecdotes, charts, statistics, a nest diary, and a photo gallery – which illustrates bald eagle biology, and the bald eagle’s recovery in Iowa. The event is sponsored by the *Friends of Boyer Chute and DeSoto National Wildlife Refuges*.

The special program is part of the Art of the Wild Show and Sale, Saturday and Sunday, November 17-18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the DeSoto Visitor Center. Throughout the weekend more than twenty outstanding exhibitors will be displaying and selling wood-carvings, photography, gourd and feather art and a variety of other mediums.

Art of the Wild coincides with peak bird migration at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. Wildlife viewing will be available from the viewing galleries at the visitor center and along the auto tour road.

An entrance permit is required for all vehicles on days other than fee free days. The regular daily entrance fee for private vehicles is \$3.00. Permits may be obtained at the pay stations near the entrances or at the Visitor Center. The charge for commercial vans and buses is \$20, or \$30 if 21 or more people are aboard. Annual permits, including the \$15 DeSoto Refuge Pass, can be obtained at the visitor center.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along on U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and along U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov. Check our websites, www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer_chute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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